

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An ear pad adapted to being inserted and detachably set in an auditory meatus and having the structure in which, on an outer peripheral surface of a hollow and cylindrical basic body made of an elastic material like rubber such as silicone rubber or like soft resin such as polypropylene, a number of gathered sound-insulating walls made of the same material as the basic body are monolithically provided in a ring form at a prespecified space in the axial direction, and the sound-insulating walls each contacting the inner wall of the auditory meatus at its peripheral edge bend to the rear edge side when the ear pad is set in an auditory meatus and a sealed space is formed between the bending and adjoining sound-insulating walls.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The ear pad according to claim 1, wherein said sound-insulating wall has a diameter becoming smaller toward its front edge.

4. (Original) The ear pad according to claim 3, wherein said sound-insulating wall is provided in the direction crossing at right angles the center line of the basic body and the wall thickness becomes smaller toward the outer periphery thereof.

5. (Original) The ear pad according to claim 1, wherein said sound-insulating wall has the same diameter of its entire portion and is slightly slanted backward to the

rear edge side, and further the wall thickness becomes smaller toward the outer periphery thereof.

6. (Original) The ear pad according to claim 1, wherein said sound-insulating wall includes air bubbles having the sound-absorbing capability.

7. (Original) The ear pad according to claim 1, wherein said sound-insulating wall has the maximum outer diameter smaller than two times of the outer diameter of the basic body.

8. (Original) The ear pad according to claim 1, wherein not less than five but not more than ten sound-insulating walls are provided on the outer periphery of the basic body.

9. (Original) An earphone having the ear pad according to claim 1 provided at the tip section of the basic body of the earphone.